



West Fork TR. NO. 026

Dixie National Forest, Escalante Ranger District

General Description: A trail through aspen, meadows, and mixed conifer and access to Auger Hole Lake. Longer trips can be made by combining trails 026, 044, 021 and 001.

Mileage: 3.7 miles one way

Difficulty: Foot: Moderate
Bike: Moderate
Horse: Moderate
OHV: Not Permitted

Trailhead access: Graded dirt road, 2 wheel drive

Elevation loss / gain: 1600 ft

Water availability: Water is only available at the trail head near cowpuncher. Bring your own water for day hikes. All water should be filtered or treated before drinking.

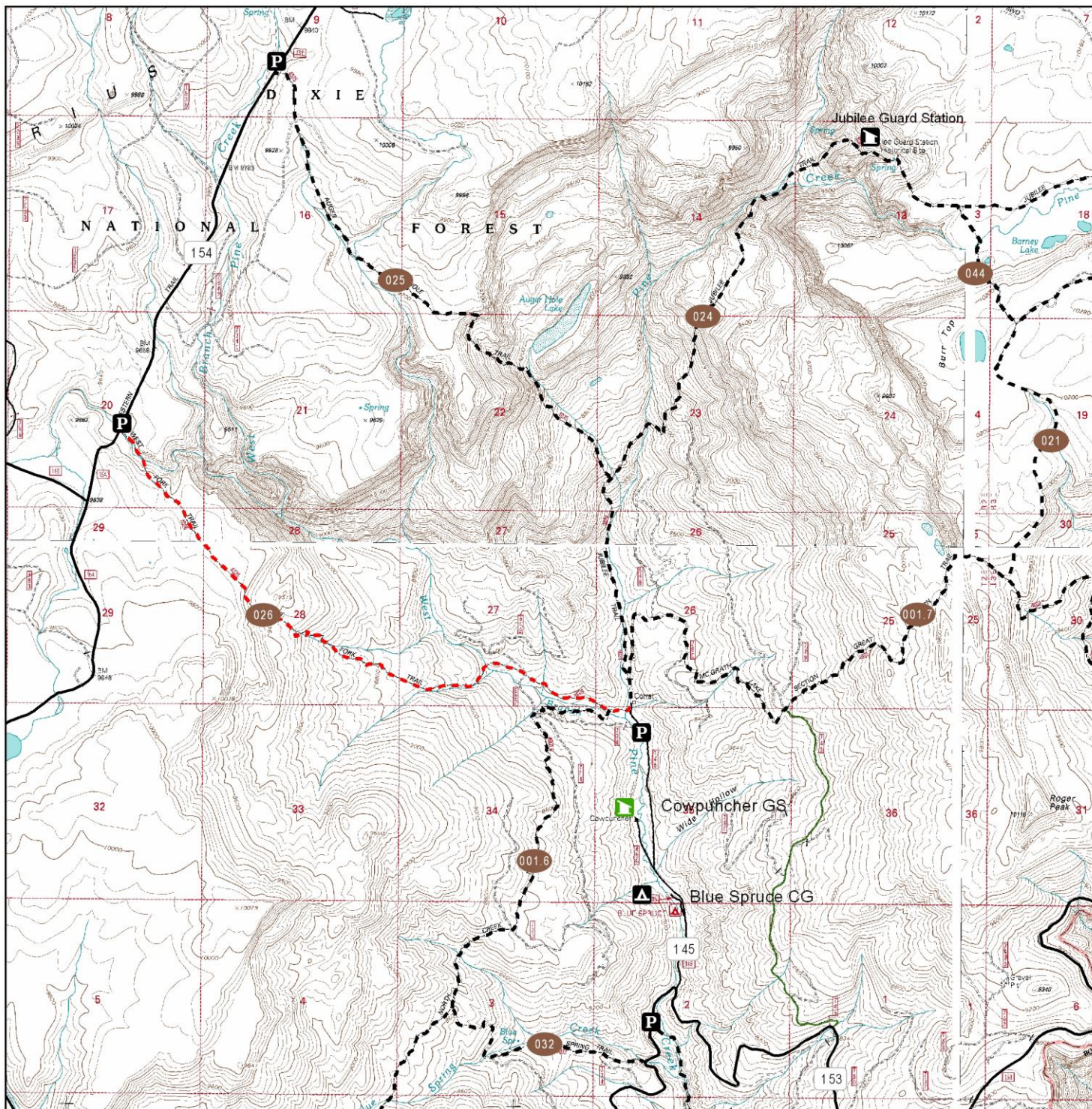
Hazards / obstacles: Sections of the trail can be difficult to follow. Look for cairns and blazes marking the trail. Mosquitoes are prevalent in spring and early summer. Wear a long sleeve shirt and pants and use insect repellent. Weather can change quickly. Be prepared for cold weather year round.

Topo maps: USGS 7.5 minute quads: Big Lake

The Trailhead: You can park at either ends of the trail. To access off of FR 154: From Escalante, turn north on the Hells Backbone Road. At 0.7 miles the road will fork, stay right. After 3.5 miles the road will turn to dirt and is now called Forest Road 153 (FR153). At 13.6 miles the road will fork, continue straight at the junction, following signs to Posey Lake Campground. Continue past the campground. . At 22 miles the West Fork Trailhead is on the right side of the road. Park in a pull-out along FR 154.

To access from Cowpuncher and Blue Spruce Campground: From Escalante, turn north on the Hells Backbone Road (300 E). At 0.7 miles the road will fork, stay right. After 3.5 miles the road will turn to gravel and is now called Forest Road 153 (FR 153). At 13.6 miles the road will fork, turn right following the sign to "Hells Backbone Bridge" (FR 153). At 18 miles turn left on FR 145 to Blue Spruce Campground. Drive approximately 2 miles (stay right at the signed junction) and park in the small parking area on the left.

The Trail: From FR 154 follow the rock carins and carsonite signs through the open meadows. At .25 miles the trail crosses the drainage. After about a mile the trail goes through a wire fence and begins its steep downhill. At 2.9 miles the trail crosses and old road. At 3.4 miles the trail reaches the Great Western Trail junction, continue strait. The trail then crosses Pine Creek and ends at the other trailhead.



Legend

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| 001.6 GWT Pine Creek Section | 132 Road Number | --- Non-Motorized Trail |
| 001.7 GWT McGath Section | P Trailhead | — Highway |
| 021 Burr Top Trail | Guard Station | — Main Forest Road (All Vehicles) |
| 024 Jubilee Trail | Rental Guard Station | — Forest Road (All Vehicles) |
| 025 Auger Hole Trail | Campground | — Seasonal Road (All Vehicles) |
| 026 West Fork Trail | | --- Closed Road (For Reference Only) |
| 032 Blue Springs Trail | | — Non-Forest/Private Road |
| 044 Jubburr Spur Trail | | |



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